

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

STRIKE 3 HOLDINGS, LLC,

Plaintiff,

vs.

JOHN DOE SUBSCRIBER
ASSIGNED IP ADDRESS
162.228.98.100,

Defendant.

2:20-CV-13158-TGB

ORDER

HONORABLE
TERRENCE G. BERG

**ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFF'S MOTION
FOR LEAVE TO SERVE THIRD PARTY SUBPOENA
PRIOR TO RULE 26(f) CONFERENCE**

This matter is before the Court on plaintiff Malibu Media's motion for leave to serve a subpoena on internet service provider AT&T U-verse ("ISP"), seeking the name and contact information of the John Doe defendant identified in the complaint. The Court finds Plaintiff has established that good cause exists for its request to serve a subpoena prior to a Rule 26(f) conference.

Accordingly, the Plaintiff's motion for leave to serve a subpoena on the ISP (Dkt. #4) is **GRANTED** to the following extent:

1. Plaintiff may serve the ISP with a Rule 45 subpoena commanding the ISP to provide Plaintiff with only the true name and address of the John Doe defendant to whom the ISP assigned IP address 162.228.98.100. Plaintiff shall attach to any such subpoena a copy of this Order.
2. Plaintiff may also serve a Rule 45 subpoena in the same manner as above on any service provider that is identified in response to a subpoena as a provider of Internet services to the Defendant.
3. Within seven days of service of the subpoena, the ISP shall reasonably attempt to identify John Doe and provide him or her with a copy of the subpoena and this Order. If the ISP is unable to determine, to a reasonable degree of technical certainty, the identity of the user of the particular IP address, it shall so notify the Court and Plaintiff's counsel.
4. The subpoenaed ISP shall not require Plaintiff to pay a fee in advance of providing the subpoenaed information, nor shall the subpoenaed ISP require Plaintiff to pay a fee for an IP address that is

not controlled by the ISP. If necessary, the Court will resolve any disputes between the ISP and Plaintiff regarding the reasonableness of the amount proposed to be charged by the ISP after the subpoenaed information is provided to Plaintiff.

5. Plaintiff may only use the information disclosed in response to a Rule 45 subpoena served on the ISP for the purpose of protecting and enforcing Plaintiff's rights as set forth in its Complaint.

SO ORDERED.

DATED this 16th day of December, 2020.

BY THE COURT:

/s/Terrence G. Berg
TERRENCE G. BERG
United States District Judge